

HOUSE BILL 975

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By: **Delegates Redmer and Boteler**
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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ferret Protection Act**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from shipping, receiving, selling, or buying a
4 ferret that is under a certain age; prohibiting a person from spaying or
5 neutering a ferret that is under a certain age; providing that a violation of this
6 Act is a misdemeanor; providing a penalty; and generally relating to the
7 handling of ferrets under a certain age.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Criminal Law
10 Section 10-623
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Criminal Law**

16 10-623.

17 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT SHIP, RECEIVE, SELL, OR BUY A FERRET THAT IS
18 UNDER THE AGE OF 12 WEEKS.

19 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT SPAY OR NEUTER A FERRET THAT IS UNDER THE AGE
20 OF 12 WEEKS.

21 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
22 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2003.